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AT the Council-Chamber *Whitehall*, the 27th of *September*, 1720.

Francis Nicholson, Esq; being constituted by Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain, His Majesty's Captain-General and Governour in Chief of the Province of South Carolina, this Day took the Oaths before their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council, appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, together with the Oath appointed to be taken by the Governours of His Majesty's Plantations, for putting in Execution the Acts of Trade and Navigation.

*Lisbon, Sept* 15, *N. S.* Besides the Conde de Tarouca and Don Lewis da Cunha whom the King of Portugal has nominated for his Plenipotentiaries at the Congress to be held at Cambray, his Majesty has directed the Son of Sig. Mendonça Secretary of State, a Nephew of Don Lewis da Cunha, Sig. Antonio Galvao de Castello Branco, and Sig. Marco Antonio de Azevedo Coutinho, to repair thither and wait his Majesty's Orders. The two first of these Gentlemen are already gone by the Way of Madrid, and the others design to go by the Way of England. The French Ambassadour at this Court being at his own Desire recalled, had his Audience of Leave of the King and Queen on the 8th Instant, and designs to go Home through Spain. On the 7th of this Month, the Brazil Fleet, consisting of 31 Ships, together with a Frigate for Angola, and a Ship for the Islands of Cape Verd, put to Sea under the Convoy of two Men of War.

*Malaga, Sept.* 17. On the 15th Instant arrived here an Express from Madrid, with Orders for laying an Imbargo upon all Sateas, Tartans, and Barcalongas, for the King's Service: But not on any Ships. And we hear the same is done at Cadiz. It is said these small Vessels are intended to take on board the Provisions and Stores of War provided in this Place for Ceuta, whither a large Quantity of Musket-Ball is already sent from hence. It is no longer doubted, that the Design of the Spaniards is to invade Barbary from Ceuta. The Rendezvous of their Troops it is said will be at Tariffa: And the Marquess de Lede is speedily expected in Andalousia, being appointed to command in chief this Expedition, for which every thing will be in readiness in very few Days.

*Madrid Sept.* 23, *N. S.* The Count de St. Estevan set out this Morning from hence for Cambray. In his Way he is ordered to wait upon the Queen Dowager of Spain at Bayonne, and on the King of France and Duke of Orleans at Paris, with Compliments from their Catholick Majesties. The Duke of Jovenazo and the Prince of Castillon having taken their Leaves Yesterday of the King and Queen at the Escurial, are gone back to their respective Governments, the first to Old Castile and the other to Navarre. Last Week the Duke of Albuquerque went to Court, to return Thanks to his Majesty for the Decree newly given in his Favour, by which it is declared, that his Conduct while he was Viceroy of Mexico having been maturely examined, is approved; and therefore that the Sum of 700,000 Pieces of Eight of his Effects, which on his Return to Spain was seized and deposited in the Royal Treasury, shall be restored to him as soon as the publick Exigencies which drain that Treasury will permit, and that in the mean time he shall have Interest for it at the Rate of one per Cent. per Annum. Don Lewis da Cunha Ambassadour of Portugal being nominated by the King his Master for his second Plenipotentiary at the Congress at Cambray, has had his Audience of Leave of their Catholick Majesties, and is preparing to begin his Journey forthwith.

*Paris, Oct.* 9. On the 7th Instant, at Nine a-Clock in the Morning, the new Chamber of Justice appointed here during the Recess of the Parliament at Pontoise, had their first Meeting at the Hall of the Great Augustins. They went first to the Chapel of the Clergy, to hear the Mass of the Holy Ghost; after which they proceeded to the Registring of the King's Letters Patents for establishing this new Judicatory, of which a solemn Act was delivered to M. de Vatan, Attorney General. By the said Letters Patents it appears, that this Chamber is to subsist till Martinmas next, and is impowered to judge without Appeal all Causes which were formerly used to be determined by the Chamber of Vacation. The Plague has spread to Aix, which is situate between the two Lines; upon which the Parliament and People of Condition have removed from thence. It hath likewise spread it self more than ever in the Villages within the inner Line; but is neither at Apt, nor in any Place on this Side the River Durance, or the outer Line, as has been falsly reported. According to our Advices from Bayonne of the 27th past, the Marquess de Maulevrier was arrived there with the M. Robin on his Way to Madrid. Mr. Molesworth His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Sardinia, arrived here two Days ago on his Way to Turin.